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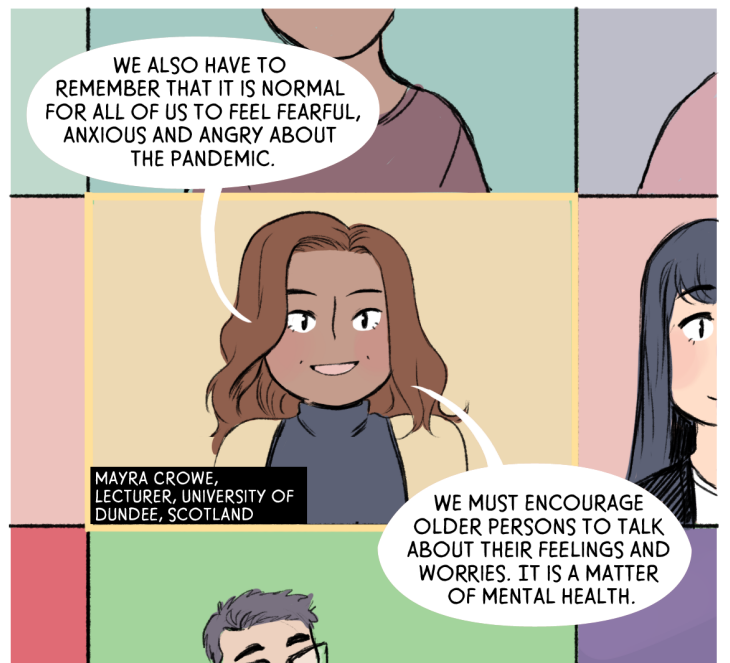
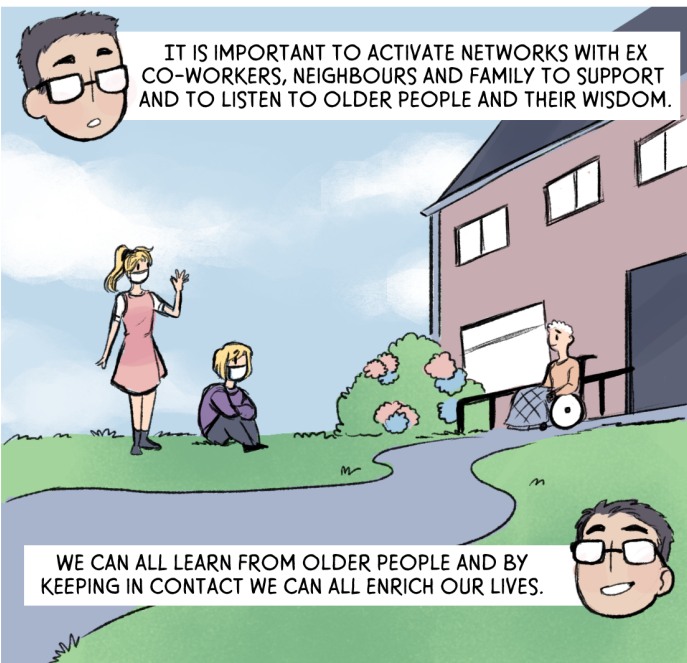
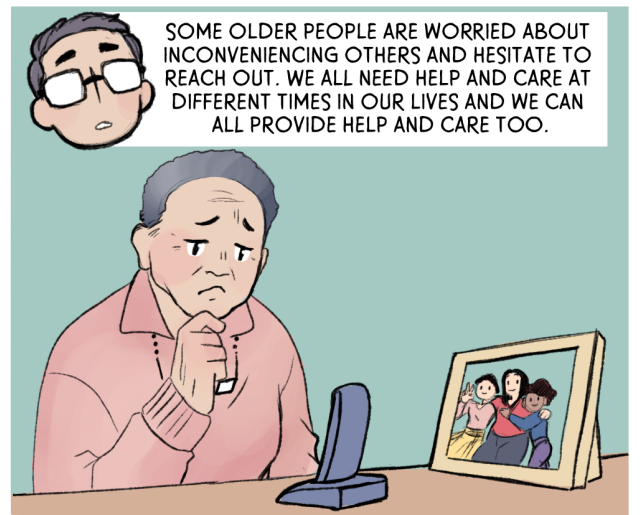
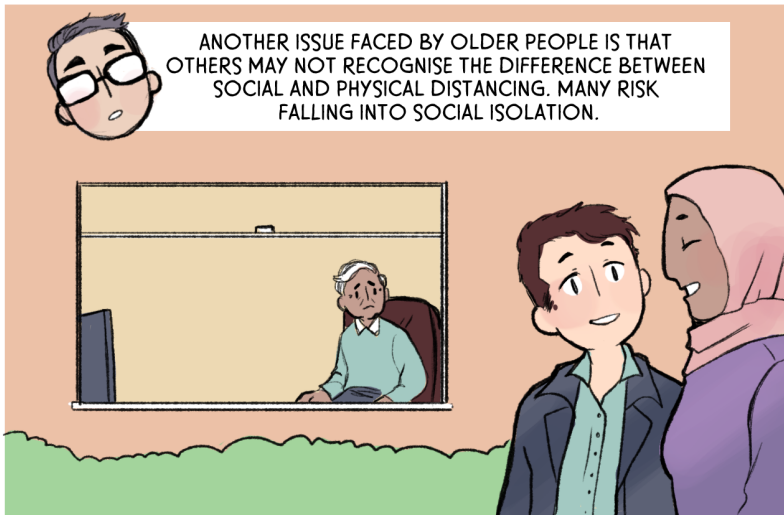
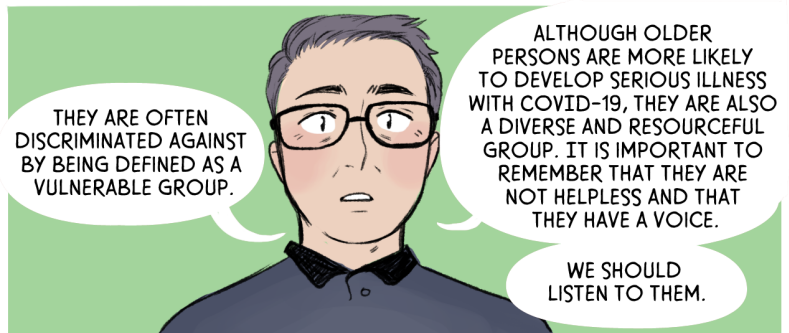
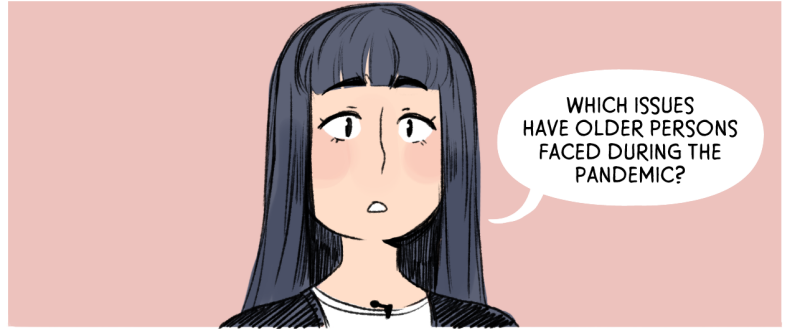
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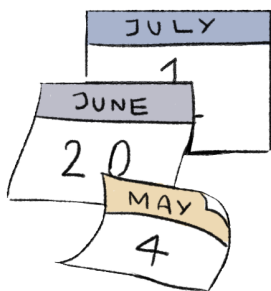
LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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LOCKDOWN AND DISTANCING HEALTH MEASURES CAN BRING FEELINGS OF ISOLATION AND LONELINESS.



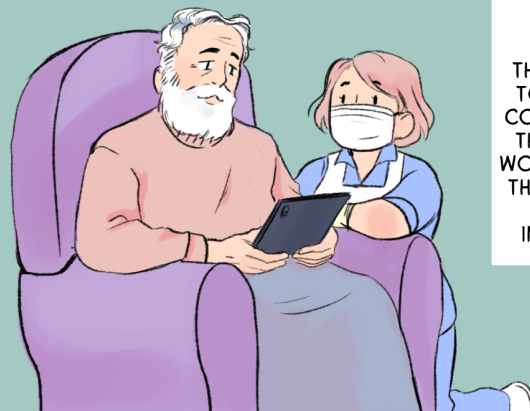
THE NEED TO MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE FOR HEALTH REASONS SHOULD NEVER BE CONFUSED WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ISOLATION.



CARE HOMES HAVE BEEN A PARTICULAR FOCUS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. HISTORICALLY, PEOPLE LIVING IN SUCH PLACES HAVE BEEN INVISIBLE TO THE REST OF SOCIETY.



ENABLING THESE PLACES TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD DURING THE PANDEMIC IS VITALLY IMPORTANT.



THIS CRISIS COULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RETHINK THE BINARY FORMAT OF CARE (INSIDE/OUTSIDE).



WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MULTIPLE SOLUTIONS, FROM DAY CARE CENTRES, HOME HELP, SUPPORT NETWORKS AMONGST AND WITH OLDER PEOPLE, AND MANY OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

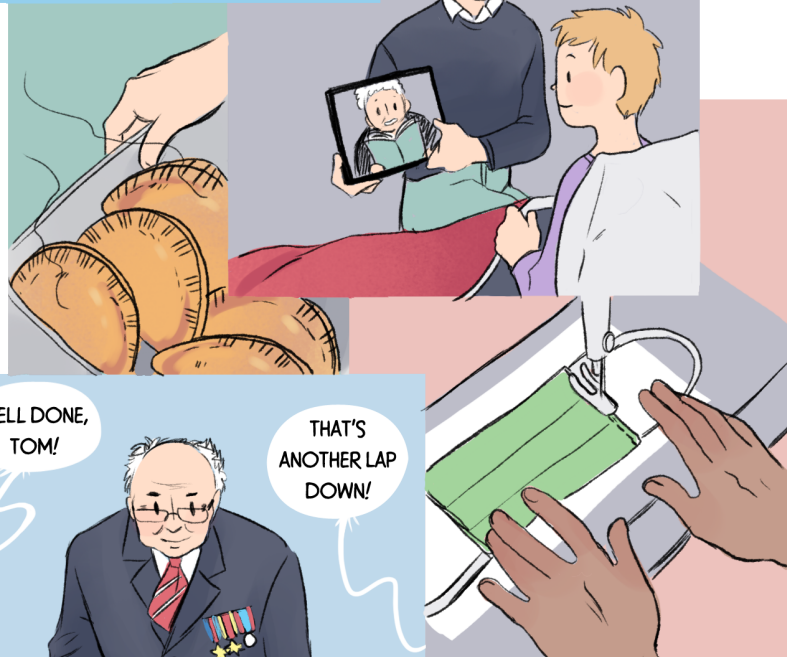


SO, HOW CAN WE BE OF HELP?



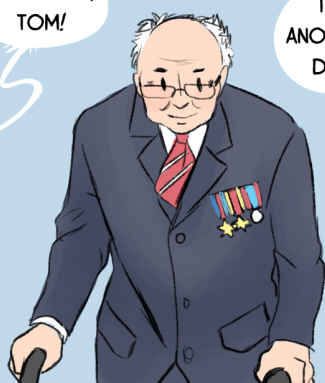
IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE EFFECTIVE NETWORKS SO OLDER PEOPLE ARE INTEGRATED WITHIN COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETIES. IT IS A MATTER OF GUARANTEEING THE RIGHT AND ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY POSITIVE RESPONSES TO THE PANDEMIC FROM OLDER PEOPLE. THEY HAVE FOUND NEW WAYS TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR GRANDCHILDREN, THEY HAVE SEWN FACEMASKS, AND LOTS OF OTHER AMAZING ACTIVITIES, ALL WITH THE INTENTION OF HELPING OTHERS.



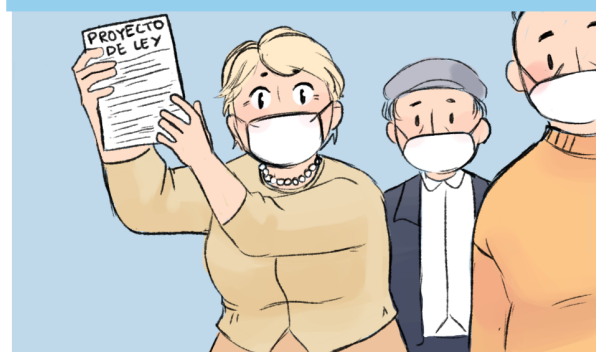
WELL DONE, TOM!

THAT'S ANOTHER LAP DOWN!



CAPT. TOM MOORE, A 100 YEAR OLD WWII VETERAN, MANAGED TO RAISE OVER £32M BY COMPLETING 100 LAPS IN HIS GARDEN. THE MONEY RAISED WAS DONATED TO NHS CHARITIES.

IN URUGUAY, 80 YEAR OLD ÁGUEDA RESTAINO, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL NETWORK FOR OLDER PEOPLE, A COLLECTION OF 300 DIFFERENT PRO-OLDER PERSON'S ORGANIZATIONS, LED A CAMPAIGN TO STOP A BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD A MAJOR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR OLDER PERSONS.



ÁGUEDA FOUGHT AND WON, TO KEEP THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS, WHICH RECOGNISES OLDER PERSONS AS PEOPLE WITH THE SAME HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AS OTHERS.

ONLY AS A COLLECTIVE WE CAN CREATE A BETTER SOCIETY AND LEARN FROM THE HARD LESSONS OF THE PANDEMIC.



THIS WILL HELP ENABLE OUR OLDER PERSONS TO BE FULLY INTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY AS A HETEROGENIC GROUP AND BE RECOGNISED AS PEOPLE WITH THE SAME HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AS OTHERS, DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND.